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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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Examiner's note: Applicant should at least provide clear explanation about a significant of the present claim invention over the cited references in the next response.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ranjan (US 2003/0100320 A1) and further in view of Kaneko et al. hereinafter, Kaneko, (US 2002/0107737 A1).

Claim 1,

Ranjan in fig. 2 illustrates the transmission of web pages from a server computer to an SME through an SMS network. In FIG. 2, a server computer 202 is interconnected with the Internet 204, to which the server computer transmits requests for HTML documents describing web pages and receives the requested HTML documents. The server computer 202 is linked to a short message service center ("SMSC") 206, a message center for SMS messages that is linked via a gateway to a mobile switching center that controls calls to and from mobile phones and pagers. The SMSC 206 receives a text message representing the informational content of a web page or a portion of a web page from the server computer 202 and broadcasts the text message to a local cell tower 208, from which the text message is then rebroadcast to the SME 210. SMEs include short-message-service-mobile-terminated "(SMS-MT)" cell phones that can receive SMS

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text messages and short-message-service-mobile-originated ("SMS-MO") cell phones that can both send and receive SMS text messages. See following claim invention: "A text displaying terminal unit comprising means for memorizing a preset keyword; means for receiving an input text; display means for displaying the information on a display picture domain". Ranjan in fig. 3 illustrates the user of an SMS-MT cellular telephone can request an SMS text message from the server computer 302 by entering an access code, such as a phone number, via alphanumeric keys 312 and then enter a token, such as a "#" character followed by several digits. See the following section of claim invention: "means for verifying whether or not there exists a keyword in the input text". In the same figure 3, illustrates the user of an SMS-MO cellular telephone can also access SMS text messages provided by the server computer using this technique, but, in addition, may key in an alphanumeric SMS text message via the alphanumeric keys and transmit the keyed-in SMS text message to the server. The user of certain types of SMS-MO cellular telephones can reply to a SMS text message received from the server computer 302 by keying in a replay SMS text message via alphanumeric keys and transmitting the keyed-in response message using a reply button. Ranjan in fig. 5 illustrates displaying attributes as 530 or 532 that each constitutes a link token that both identify the text lines as links to the user and that can be employed by the user to request the units of textual information corresponding to the links. However, Ranjan is silenced about a background image associated with the keyword. But, the second reference Kaneko in fig. 9 illustrates template image data and advertisement image data each use, as material data, documents (text) and photographs (still image data), moving images captured by video camera, animation, and still images such as background, frame, and line, music such as ringing melodies, and programs. The layout information and text information such

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as character font and color (these are hereafter generically referred to as style data) for example of these material data are defined by use of HTML, XML, or CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) for example. See following section of the claim invention: “means for adding to said text preset displaying attributes of said text and/or a background image associated with said keyword, if such keyword exists”. Ranjan in figs. 2-3 illustrates the following claim invention: “means for transmitting the text information, corresponding to said text added by said preset displaying attributes, as a message, over a communication network; means for receiving said message over said communication network; and display control means for displaying said message on said display picture domain”. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to substitute applicant’s described structure, or acts for that described in the prior art reference. By modifying Kaneko into Ranjan meaning adding a predetermined template image into which a predetermined user image can be inlaid as superimposed upon the predetermined advertisement image and providing-side transmitting means for transmitting the provision image data via a network. It is beneficial to the electronic mail senders, who are not exposed to advertisements.

Re. claims 5 and 9, the rejection of claim 1 applies to the rejection of the claims 5 and 9.

Re. claims 2-3, 6-7 and 10-11.

Kaneko in paragraph 0108 discloses template image data and advertisement image data each use, as material data, documents (text) and photographs (still image data), moving images captured by video camera, animation, and still images such as background, frame, and line, music such as ringing melodies, and programs.

Re. claim 4, 8 and 12.

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Kaneko at paragraph 0168 discloses if the decision is YES in step SP33, it indicates that two or more advertisement IDs are associated with one template ID and therefore the advertisement image 15 inlaid at the start of the provision based on the Internet 3 described with reference to FIG. 3, an advertisement image 60 for a time-limited offer product shown in FIG. 19, and an advertisement image 61 of a new product shown in FIG. 20 are registered as the advertisement images capable of being inlaid into one template image 16, for example. In this case, the data management controller 30 goes to step SP34 and executes a matching process to be described later to select the advertisement ID of the advertisement image data (namely, the advertisement images 60 and 61 shown in FIGS. 19 and 20 respectively) which are different from the advertisement image data (namely, the advertisement image 15 shown in FIG. 3) at the time of the start of the provision from the plural advertisement IDs for one template ID. Then, the data management controller 30 goes to step SP35.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Javid A. Amini whose telephone number is 571-272-7654. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached on 571-272-7664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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